Notes for Discussion on Draft Staff Study - Financial Administration of Agents Under Mon-Official Cover

Question ability of all "finance officers" to perform briefing--Unless they are certifying officers they may not know completely how accountings will be processed. Suggest to sentence.

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- P2 I understand the requires briefing by C&L Branch -- Study does not emphasize the failure of case officers to follow this requirement. Ask to include such emphasis.
- PL Support Staffs, staffed by DD/S "and Comptroller" Career service employees. Change wording in each instance.
- P5 last paragraph discusses Finance Division but many aspects of agent financial problems relate to field finance officers -- This should be broadened to relate to "finance representatives" wherever they are.
- Suggest "both new and experienced" in lieu of "young and old". 25X1A
 - Reference to CFR's should be
 - PlO Concept for CCS to approve cover accountings other than for Cover Staff projects is not sound -- expenses chargeable to divisional allotments and sometimes exorbitant operationally.
 - Pll Example of travel provision on two bases not good justification for BEF officer to be required to attend briefing as well as the OaL certifying officer.
 - Pll last two paragraphs of "Discussion" are perhaps superfluous.
 - P14 Paragraph 5(b) Add "and to provide a continuity of experienced personnel to perform this function".

Paragraph 5(c) - Do not provide for detail of finance personnel to CCS but provide for prior coordination of new financial arrangements and those varying from established standards in contracts with both agents and cover entities with Finance Division. (see below)

Substitute for (c) the revised language such as the following:

"(c) Require that prior coordination be effected with the Finance Division, Office of the Comptroller, with respect to all new types of financial arrangements to be provided for in contracts to be executed with both agents and cover companies as well as for financial arrangements in such contracts which wary from established standards."

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<u>Paragraph 5(d)</u> - Do not provide for approval of accountings for activities of other components by CCS. (see below)

Include a recommendation in lieu of (d) somewhat as follows:

"(d) Prescribe by regulation the Agency component responsible for preparing contracts with cover companies and the specific coordination required for such contracts."

<u>Paragraph 5(e)</u> - Discuss recommendation that Comptroller study feasibility of decentralizing certifying officers. Omit last sentence of paragraph 5(e).

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<u>Paragraph 5(g)</u> - This recommendation is not discussed in paper and is so unrelated as to justify its emission.

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